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**DAUGHTER OF LARNED CORRECTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY  
STAFF MEMBER AWARDED NATIONAL CORRECTIONS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kansas Department of Corrections is pleased to announce the award of the Association of State Correctional Administrator's \$1000.00 Susan M. Hunter scholarship to 20 year-old Larned native Cassie Keast, daughter of Bob and Debbie Keast. Debbie Keast is an administrative assistant in the security department of the Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility.

The scholarship's namesake, Dr. Susan Hunter, who was the former Chief of the Prisons Division of the National Institute of Corrections, passed away in 2003. She was known for her commitment to professionalism and progress in the field of corrections.

Cassie's superior academic work and her desire to pursue higher education were given as reasons for the award. Cassie is beginning her studies this semester as a Freshman Biology major at the University of Kansas. She plans to become a genetic engineer.

Cassie has two brothers, Tyson Keast, 26, who graduated from K-State with a degree in Construction Science and Bryce Keast, 23, who will graduate from K-State in December with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

According to Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz, who presented Cassie with her scholarship, "The Kansas Department of Corrections is privileged to honor the talented, hard-working child of one of our corrections professionals. We know Cassie will do great things for Kansas."

Cassie graduated from Larned High School in 2005.